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1142-1100 Riverside Ave. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

c.1850-1872

The west side of the 1100 block of Riverside Ave. is improved with a variety of house types, including one very unusual pair of one and a half story, two bay wide brick houses with steep gable roofs at 1124-1126 Riverside Ave., which seem to date from the early 1850's. At 1132-1142 Riverside there is a group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and simple modillion cornices, built by John T. Grindall in the 1860's. Adjoining to the north is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, probably built about the same time. To the north of the pair of one and a half story houses described above, there is a pair of three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and no extant roof cornices, at 1120-1122 Riverside Ave., built in the late 1860's. 1118 Riverside Ave. is a three story, two bay wide gable-roofed house. 1104-1116 Riverside Ave. is a group of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses, all of which sit on high basements and were built in the early 1850's. Finally, at 1100-1102 Riverside Ave. there is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and no extant roof cornices, built about 1872.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1104-1114 Riverside Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This row of six two story plus attic brick houses with gable roofs were built as a unit in the 1850's and formed part of the original group of such houses that extended along this side of Riverside Ave. All of the houses have been covered with formstone.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, 10' wide, and occupy lots 82' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and has a one story high, one bay deep rear addition with a frame second story. 1110 Riverside has an extra one story high, two bay deep frame addition; 1112 has a newer two story high, three bay deep brick addition; and 1114 has a one story high, two bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in running bond but all have been covered with formstone. The low-pitched gable roofs have two-tier brick cornices which have also been covered with formstone. Each house has a double rectangular chimney located on both the front and rear roof gables along the south side of the house.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills cannot be determined because of the formstone covering, it is apparent that the first and second story openings had segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums and that the attic story windows had flat lintels, probably wood. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The houses have a mixed array of door types, though all have single light transoms. 1104 Riverside has a panel door with upper lights; 1106, 1112, and 1114 have Mission-style doors; and 1108 and 1110 have modern flush doors. The houses sit on very high basements, the entrances being reached by six stone steps each (wood at 1106). Each house has a tall rectangular basement opening located to the left of the steps. The houses appear to have originally all had doors leading to the basement located directly beneath the steps.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1850-51

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Baltzell

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This group of houses is representative of a large group of such two story plus attic houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the Federal Hill area to accomodate the growing labor force centered around the Baltimore waterfront. Although showing possible stylistic influences from Greek Revival style buildings constructed in Baltimore in the 1820's and 1830's (in the proportions of the attic windows and the chaste exterior details), the outstanding feature of these houses is their extreme simplicity of design and detailing. They are practical adaptations of a current mode of building, designed to meet the need for efficient, low-cost housing for a growing working class community. The floor plan is essentially the same as that of the two story with dormer windows type of house which generally preceded this type chornologically--the two main floors having both a front and back room separated by an enclosed, narrow, tightly winding staircase. Both front and back rooms usually have fireplaces. In these particular houses the kitchens were located in the high basements, with an entrance directly from the street at the front of the house.

The houses were built in 1850-51 by the Baltzell family, who had leased the land on which they are built (and lots further south on Riverside and to the west on Battery Ave.) from the heirs of Caleb Hall, who had originally laid out these lots in the 1820's.¹ The Baltzells sold the houses to individual owners in the later 1850's, most of them to Michael Doyle, a sawyer, who lived at 1106 Riverside Ave. and rented the other houses to a variety of tenants.² The first owner of 1104 Riverside Ave. was a John Willet, a laborer, who lived there from 1860 to 1864; the second owner was a Michael Crampton, a ship carpenter, who lived there in the late 1860's.; the first owner of 1110 Riverside was a Peter McGill, a ship carpenter also, but eventually he sold the house to Doyle.³

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber WG 214, Folio 390, 396

²Ibid., ED 116, Folio 388; GES 147, Folio 383; Baltimore City Directory, 1858-9, 1864

³Ibid., Liber ED 190, Folio 243; AM 273, Folio 212; ED 70, Folio 315; AM 271, Folio 292; B.C.D., 1856-57, 1860, 1864, 1867

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10' x 82' each

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles4/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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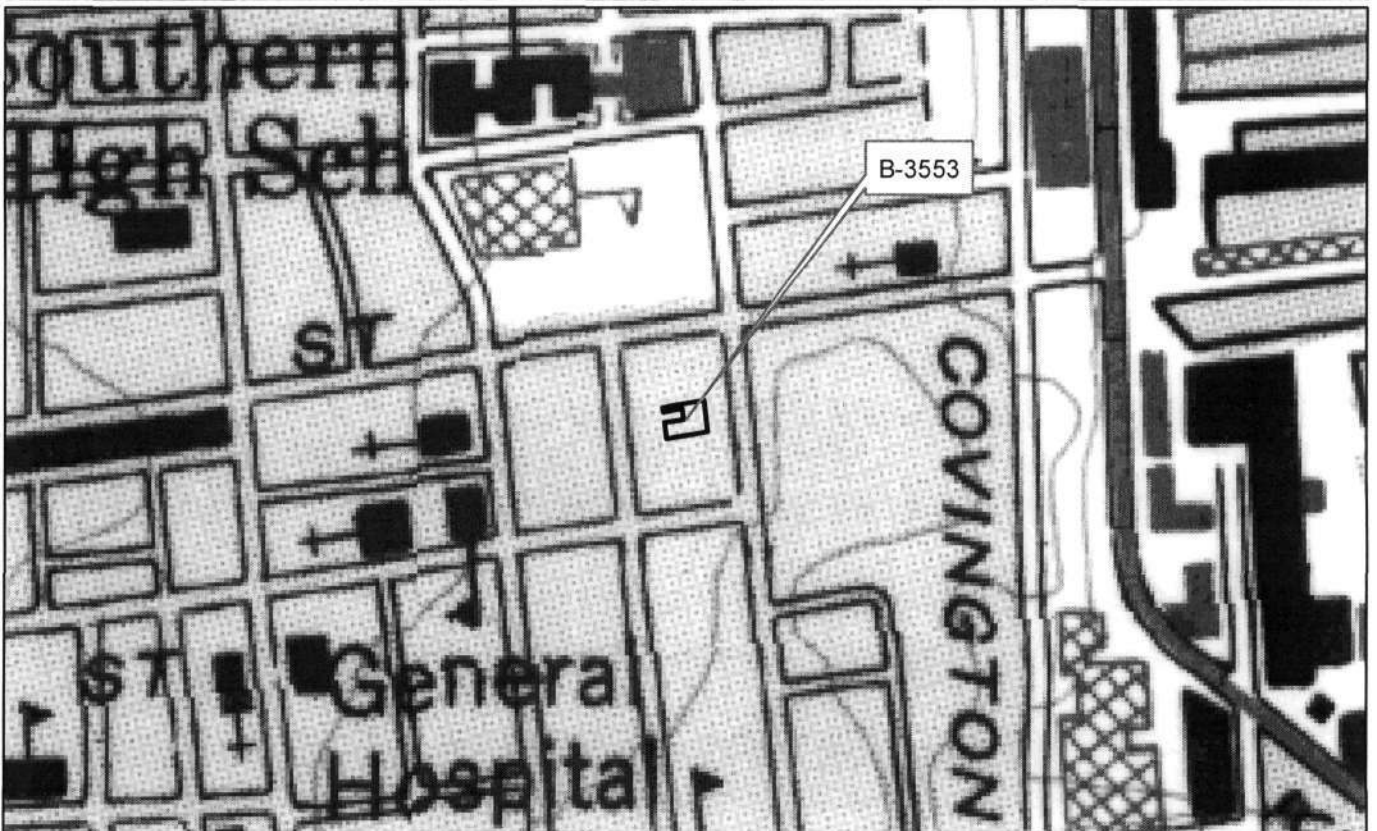
RIVERSIDE

HALL.

ALLEY



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1104-1114 Riverside Avenue
Block 1918 Lots 040-035
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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1104-1114 Riverside Ave

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East elevation